

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN
THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
Vincent Howell
David L. Romero
Barbara A. Casey

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
David Silva, Acting City Attorney
Chris Lopez, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked for everyone to pray for the victims of the recent tragic accident that occurred near Romeroville.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón commended staff from Public Works, Fire and Police Departments for their help in responding to the accident and working closely with New Mexico State Police and thanked Interim Chief Chris Lopez and Lieutenant Pam Sandoval for their efforts in finding lodging for the stranded victims who had been in the emergency room. She also thanked the local hotels for their assistance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised that the presentation that had been scheduled for David Old had been cancelled and recommended the agenda be amended as such.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20th, December 28th and December 31st, 2017 with minor corrections made. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that there were no appointments and stated that her report tied into the Moment of Silence.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised there were two recognitions for C.J. Perea and Tony Rubin Jr.

City Clerk Fresquez read the recognition on behalf of Mayor Gurulé-Girón along with members of the Governing Body acknowledging C.J. Perea for his athletic

achievement, dedication to the sport of football and for representing the City of Las Vegas and the State of New Mexico.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón recognized and commended Carlos Perea for his involvement in mentoring and coaching children and for his years of service.

City Clerk Fresquez read the recognition on behalf of Mayor Gurulé-Girón along with member of the Governing Body acknowledging Tony Rubin Jr. for his athletic achievement, dedication to the sport of football and for representing the City of Las Vegas and the State of New Mexico.

PUBLIC INPUT

Georgina Ortega spoke in support of the Refugee resolution that would give immigrants a safe place to live and added that all our ancestors from many continents of the world were immigrants as well and felt proud to be from Las Vegas and New Mexico who were in support of taking care of refugees.

Miguel Angel, Director of Casa de Cultura spoke in support of the Refugee resolution and added that he was also in support of DACA, he spoke briefly of his Mexican cultural history. He spoke of his point of view on issues of American racism involving Mexico and also the difficulties of crossing the border in order to survive which in his opinion was a racist practice by this country.

Bob Pearson spoke in detail of many accomplishments of five long-time members of the community who spoke previously in support of the Refugee resolution and informed that the purpose of him giving that information was to show how serious the supporters take the problems that Las Vegas faces and have spent decades to improve the situation. He stated that the Refugee crisis was a Human Rights crisis that should not be silenced and that there was always time to help those in need and encouraged the Governing body to support refugee resettlement in the United States.

AWC Board member, Marshall Poole gave a detailed report regarding recent new items for the Animal Shelter which included:

- Adding 4 Board members (Troy Dennison, Roxanne Gonzales, Ann Bradford & Jennifer Karbahal)
- Acquiring a rodent-proof food storage container (donated)

- Increased their 91% Live Outcome rate (91.45%-2017)

Mr. Poole advised that the total animal intake total was 1,585 compared to the usual 2,000 a year, the total local adoptions was 238 and informed that 243 animals were returned to their owners/guardians. He informed that a dog that died in the previously discussed accident was taken to the Animal Shelter and advised that the AWC was set up (FEMA Certified) for a companion animal shelter. Mr. Poole advised that their recent “Art Bark” fundraiser event netted more than \$6,000.00 and thanked the artists, businesses and sponsors for their help. He advised that the City of Las Vegas had two positions open for Animal Control Officers and looked forward to help in training and working with them.

Mr. Bob Pearson requested that all members of the audience who were in support of the Refugee resolution to stand to show their support.

Star Chavez thanked the Governing body on voting the first time to not allow Las Vegas to be a refugee resettlement location and stated that she did not support the decision to resettle refugees in New Mexico. She stated that she thought that it was not compassionate to allow them to resettle in a state that had many problems of its own such as its dismal economy, crime on the rise and the low rate of success when it came to educating our children. Ms. Chavez felt that it was not compassionate to bring refugees into the State to suffer in a different way, without thinking it through for their benefit.

PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation by David Old presenting a general status update of Old Wood.
-Cancelled

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Community Development Department Event Planner/Film Liaison Tiara Shorty presented the winners of the 2017 Holiday contests as follows:

- Electric Light Parade: 1st-Highlands Wrecker, 2nd-San Miguel County, 3rd-Gabriel Serna Jr.
- Home Decoration Contest: 1st-Billy Tafoya, 2nd-Casey Ortega, 3rd Leroy Lujan
- Business Decoration Contest: 1st-Plaza Antiques, 2nd-Ulibarri Farms Candy Shoppe, 3rd-Borracho’s
- 2017 Grand Marshall: George Assy Sr.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón commended the Community Development Staff for their outstanding job during the Holiday season.

Community Development Director Renee Garcia gave a presentation regarding the Annual Las Vegas Night at the Legislature informing that it would be held on February 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m-9:00p.m. in Santa Fe at the La Fonda Hotel. She advised that it would be an exclusive opportunity for the City of Las Vegas, San Miguel County, LVCC and NMHU to highlight progress as well as future plans for our growth, sustainability and needs. She thanked her staff ,Virginia Marrujo and Tiara Shorty for their efforts when planning the event and also by keeping costs at a minimum for advertising and invitations to the community.

Community Development Director Garcia advised that the entertainers would be Mariachi Cardenal, Gabrielle Tafoya and the Smooth Riders and advised that taking part in the event would be: Luna Community College (hosting a Pastry/Coffee Bar), Charlie's Bakery (supplying 115 dozen complimentary Tortillas to Legislators) and Old Wood (donate small wooden souvenirs for Legislators). She informed that it was a very positive event and extended the invitation to the citizens of Las Vegas and commended San Miguel County, Luna Community College and New Mexico Highlands University for working diligently in a concerted effort to bring it all together to make the event happen.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Ms. Garcia and staff and asked for the theme of the event.

Media Coordinator Virginia Marrujo advised that the theme was "Trailblazing through Education & Success" and advised that some schools would be visiting the event.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked everyone that took part in bringing the event to fruition and spoke of the importance of education in our lives and to continue to promote education. She advised that the City of Las Vegas had tremendous resources and we have to capitalize on those resources. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked the status on coming up with a scholarship.

Community Development Director Garcia advised that they were looking into that, and informed that the scholarship would be obtained in any excess of any funding that was received. She clarified that the generous funding that they had received provided an opportunity for the businesses in Las Vegas, and mentioned that engineering and constructions groups that work with the City, do so much of their

own presentation in the City and that they appreciate the opportunity to advertise as well. She advised that they have special signage that was made to highlight the generous donations from donors.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Ms. Garcia to commit to the scholarship and advised that she would obtain funding and that it was important to provide good education to the youth in this community.

Councilor Casey thanked Community Development staff for the work they were doing at the Legislature and for planning for next year and was disappointed about not having anything last year during the day to highlight Las Vegas and stated that it was difficult to get space in the rotunda. She advised that she hoped they would have a good turnout at the Las Vegas Night event and thanked the Community Development staff for planning ahead.

Discussion took place regarding last year's event being recognized by Senator Pete Campos in the Senate. The House recognized Las Vegas as well.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry presented information regarding the groundbreaking at Bradner Dam that would take place on Thursday, January 25, 2018, inviting the Governing Body, Department Directors and City staff and would provide transportation for Council. She advised that they would be receiving the permit to begin on February 1, 2018 and that they looked forward to the rehabilitation.

Steve and Leslie Lucero with Highlands Wrecker were presented the 1st prize award for the Electric Light Parade, Mayor Gurulé-Girón congratulated them for an outstanding float and thanked everyone who participated and attended the parade which was such an incredible success.

FINANCE REPORT

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega presented the Finance Report for the month ending December 31, 2017 reporting General Fund revenue at 51% and expenditures coming in at 44%.

Interim Finance Director Vega gave a detailed report on Enterprise Funds and reported that total revenue came in at 43% and expenditures were at 40%.

Interim Finance Director Vega reported 42% for Recreation Department revenue and 44% in expenditures.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón had a concern regarding expending more than bringing in revenue on the Enterprise Funds for gas.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that in the Enterprise funds, revenues were reflected on billings and not on actual cash collected and expenditures were on cash basis and what was spent that month was the equivalent.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez read the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of updated DFA Resolution 17-46.

A complete copy of Resolution 17-46 may be obtained from the City Clerk's office.

2. Approval of Resolution No. 18-04 in support of Refugee Resettlement in the united States and in New Mexico.

Due to the length of Resolution 18-04, a copy may be obtained from the City Clerk's office.

3. Approval of Open Meetings Resolution 18-01.

Due to the length of Resolution 18-01, a copy may be obtained from the City Clerk's office.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read into record. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Casey asked for the status regarding the RFP for ambulance service that was discussed in the December meeting.

Fire Chief Billy Montoya informed that the contract was submitted to Attorney Danelle Smith for review, was submitted to Chris Archuleta and were waiting for his response and added that the negotiation process would hopefully be complete by February.

Councilor Howell took the opportunity to thank all first responders for their efforts in managing the situation regarding the tragic accident that occurred near Romeroville and also wanted to thank and commend Alta Vista Hospital for working diligently with the incident as well, calling every available staff personnel to assist 32 patients within a 3 hour period. Councilor Howell stated he knew one of the victims of the incident and hoped she was doing well and felt for the families of other victims.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

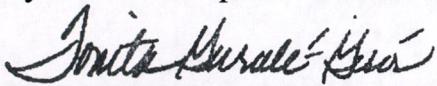
Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that there was no need for Executive Session at this time.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

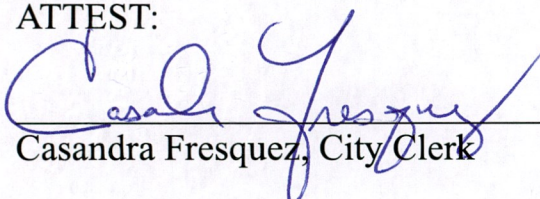
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk